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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In New York, prices were unchanged. Prices in Chicago were unchanged on the larger sizes, but 2 cents higher on medium. Elsewhere, prices were sharply higher on all eggs. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand remained moderate to very good. Supplies were barely adequate to tight for trade needs. In the Central region, breaking stock supplies were tight for reduced schedules. Breaking stock offerings in the East were about sufficient and demand was fair. Light type fowl were generally adequate for current schedules.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 8.5 cents higher on the larger sizes and unchanged to 2.5 cents higher on medium. Prices in New England and Boston were unchanged. The market tone was steady to firm. Demand into all channels ranged moderate to good, best where features were in progress or planned. Supplies were adequate to close for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate for the fair demand. Light type hens were generally sufficient for the mostly fair demand.

**MIDWEST** Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were sharply higher for the larger sizes and up moderately for medium. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were 2 cents higher for medium and were unchanged for large and small. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm for the beginning of the week. Retail demand was moderate to very good. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were barely adequate to tight for all sizes. Central states nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades higher. Offerings continued very tight with most breakers attempting to stay out of the market until the after Easter price declines commence. Breakers worked from regular commitments and company owned production and avoided most spot sales at this call. Floor stocks closely balanced to tight. Schedules mostly shortened for this week. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices for larger sizes unchanged, medium prices increased 2 cents. The market tone was steady to firm. Retail and food service demand moderate to good and best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies on larger sizes closely balanced and held with confidence.

**SOUTHERN** In Atlanta and Florida, prices were sharply higher on all sizes. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand was moderate to instances good. Mediums were usually sufficient for current requirements. However, supplies of the larger sizes ranged closely balanced to tight for full trade needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending March 15, 2002 was 69.73 cents, 5.62 cents more than a week earlier, but 0.09 cents less than last year. Breaking stock demand was fair and unaggressive for about adequate offerings. Light type hens were adequate for processing schedules.

**WESTERN** Prices 8 cents higher on jumbo, 8-9 cents higher on extra large, 10 cents higher on large, and 4 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 5% higher than last Monday with California up 6% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 4%. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings light.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged when compared to last Friday's values. The market tone was fully steady. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were sufficient to in balance for present needs.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DLVRD STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DZ.**

NORTHEAST CITIES	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	100-102	93-95	75-77
New York	84-88	82-86	53-57
Philadelphia	77-86	76-84	48.5-55

SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	71.5-80	68.5-78	40.5-45
Jackson (1)	71-73	70-72	43-45
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	83-94	82-93	50-60

MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	74-78	72-76	45-49
Detroit (2)	70-75	69-74	43-47
Major Ohio Cities (2)	72-76	71-74	41-44
Major Wisconsin Cities	73-80	72-78	43-48

WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	93-96	88-92	58-62
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	109	105	78
(1) - Prices reported weekly		(2) - Delivered Warehouse	
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 8 cents higher on jumbo and extra large, 10 cents higher on large, and 4 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 6% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings light. Small invoice price 58. Ads in Northern California: major-large dozen 79, 18 pack 149, buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets-large dozen 95, 18 pack 118.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA eggs in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

**RANGE**

JUMBO	110
EXTRA LARGE	109
LARGE	105
MEDIUM	78

Effective Monday, March 18, a price recommended by the California Egg Marketing Association (CEMA) and other marketers in the state will replace the California Invoice prices. These new prices will reflect the recommended price for negotiated sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA eggs in cartons, cents per dozen. The price will not reflect any discounts or other contract terms. The change is being made to more fully involve CEMA and the other marketers in California in setting a benchmark price for eggs in the state.

**PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	RANGE	NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	RANGE
JUMBO	239-299	JUMBO	249-279
EXTRA LARGE	229-279	EXTRA LARGE	205-249
LARGE	199-219	LARGE	189-239
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	175-199

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending March 22, 2002 will increase by 12 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending March 15, 2002 were 310,601 cases which was 5 percent above the prior week and 6 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased			
present week.....	268,868	41,733	310,601
% change from the			
prior week.....	+6	+2	+5

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged with and checks and undergrades higher. Offerings continued very tight with most breakers attempting to stay out of the market until the after Easter price declines commence. Breakers worked from regular commitments and company owned production and avoided most spot sales at this call. Floor stocks closely balanced to tight. Schedules mostly shortened for this week. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	32-35	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	18-23	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:  
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand for spent heavy hens was moderate. Offerings were sufficient for normal schedules. Finished sales were moderate. Market sentiment was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-MAR-02

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD	AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.75-12 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.76	

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for about adequate to adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to less than normal. Interest for finished product was clearing available supplies. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-MAR-02

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD	AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.5-10.5 CENTS/LB.	8.5-9	8.68	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM MAR 18, 2002

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	13.4	20.7	12.1	18.6	14.8	79.6
	Change	-0.8	-0.5	1.3	2.6	2.1	6%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	34.0	55.2	20.0	36.3	36.7	182.2
	Change	3.2	5.7	1.0	6.6	4.5	13%
Large	Curr Wk	53.5	152.4	94.2	136.4	146.1	582.6
	Change	5.9	8.8	-1.2	33.4	8.0	10%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.8	39.8	18.4	29.3	30.5	130.8
	Change	-0.5	-0.9	-2.2	8.2	2.3	6%
Small	Curr Wk	4.0	7.2	6.3	6.1	7.9	31.5
	Change	-0.7	1.0	0.1	0.5	-2.3	-4%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.2	19.7	8.1	11.9	5.6	49.5
	Change	0.9	-4.0	-0.1	1.4	0.2	-3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	22.1	39.0	27.4	30.0	32.4	150.9
	Change	2.7	-11.7	1.3	0.6	-1.4	-5%
Total	Curr Wk	144.0	334.0	186.5	268.6	274.0	1207.1
Percent	Change	8%	0%	0%	25%	5%	7%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1207.1	7%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	227.1	-7%	38

Total Shell Egg 1434.2 4% 208  
1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

**CANADIAN EGGS** MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 18, 2002

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	181.4	178.4	169.4	113.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING FEBRUARY 18, 2002 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	141	141	131	77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MARCH 15, 2002

CURRENT LOADS								15.25	FUTURE LOADS								12.25	TOTAL LOADS								27.50																					
SE								NE								MW								SC								NW								SW							
LOADS								LOADS								LOADS								LOADS								LOADS															
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST																			
GNR W 1	—	—	60.25	62.00	62.00	—	7.00	GNR W 1	—	66.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00	GNR W 1	—	66.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00																		
GL W J	—	—	—	—	52.50	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	63.50	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	63.50	1.00																			
GL W XL	—	—	72.00	74.00	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	76.50	2.50	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	76.50	2.50																			
GL W LG	—	—	69.00	70.00	67.00	—	3.50	GL W MD	—	46.50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.50	GL W MD	—	46.50	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.50																			
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.75	NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	34.50	37.00	1.00	NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00																			
GL W SM	—	—	23.50	25.50	—	—	2.00	NRBS - 42	31.50	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	NRBS - 42	31.50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00																			
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	35.50	2.00																																								
NRBS - 39	—	—	20.00	22.00	—	—	5.25																																								

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/11/02-03/15/02

CURRENT LOADS				72.50				FUTURE LOADS				90.00				TOTAL LOADS				162.50							
SE				NE				MW				LOADS				SC				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS											
GNR W XL	—	—	—	59.00	—	—	3.00	GNR W 1	—	63.28	—	—	—	—	—	20.00											
GNR W 1	50.00	62.21	56.63	58.53	61.10	57.54	120.00	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00											
GNR W 2	—	61.67	—	58.00	54.00	—	10.00	GNR W 3	32.00	34.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00											
GNR W 3	—	35.00	—	34.00	—	29.50	4.00	GL W J	54.00	—	—	—	—	61.90	5.00												
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	40.60	42.60	10.00	GL W XL	—	71.00	—	—	—	70.00	5.50												
GL W J	—	—	—	—	51.00	—	4.00	GL W LG	—	69.44	—	—	—	70.17	7.00												
GL W XL	—	72.78	66.25	68.11	66.75	—	34.00	GL W MD	34.00	43.33	—	—	—	44.00	9.00												
GL W LG	—	73.95	67.67	68.38	60.00	—	25.00	NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	34.50	37.00	1.00												
GL W MD	—	38.77	35.30	33.60	36.33	37.17	27.50	NRBS - 42	30.00	—	—	—	—	—	3.00												
GL W SM	26.25	27.25	23.75	25.50	—	—	5.00	NRBS - 36	—	23.00	—	—	—	—	1.00												
GL BR XL	—	—	—	54.00	—	—	1.75																				
NRBS - 48	—	—	27.00	28.00	—	36.00	2.00																				
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	30.44	33.03	9.25																				
NRBS - 39	—	—	20.00	22.00	—	22.50	10.25																				
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	18.00	—	1.00																				

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 03/03/02 - 03/09/02**

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern, CA	# Cases Shipped To Central, CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern, CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	718	718
Colorado	0	810	1,770	2,580
Indiana	0	0	850	850
Iowa	6,880	2,300	34,652	43,832
Michigan	0	0	2,346	2,346
Minnesota	745	4,040	1,650	6,435
Missouri	0	0	3,140	3,140
New Hampshire	0	810	816	1,626
New York	0	0	950	950
Ohio	0	780	4,992	5,772
Oregon	1,814	0	0	1,814
Pennsylvania	0	0	1,410	1,410
South Dakota	0	0	1,800	1,800
Texas	0	0	2,500	2,500
Utah	1,731	1,470	6,385	9,586
Washington	0	576	0	576
Wisconsin	0	0	3,387	3,387
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,170</b>	<b>10,786</b>	<b>67,366</b>	<b>89,322</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO MILITARY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY</b>	<b>11,170</b>	<b>10,786</b>	<b>67,366</b>	<b>89,322</b>

**NEW ENGLAND**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
120-123	81-84	74-77	56-59	25-28

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

Receipts from the mainland: 3/3/02-3/9/02  
 30-dozen cases 7,767  
 Receipts from the mainland: 2/24/02-3/2/02  
 30-dozen cases 5,584

**DETROIT EGGS**

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
76-86	69-73	67-72	41-44	25-29

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
91.43	90.43	60.12	45.51

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
53-56	26-30	7-10

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	03/11/02	03/04/02	03/12/01
PACIFIC COAST	295	333	76
LOS ANGELES	257	295	43

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